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In re Application of:)
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Application No.: 09/626,242) Group Art Unit: 1639
Filed: September 27, 2000) Examiner: Padmashiri Ponnaluri
For: METHOD FOR PRODUCING)
ANTIBODY FRAGMENTS)

July 28, 2003

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 27, 2003, please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please insert the following Abstract of the Disclosure as appropriate:

An expression library comprising a repertoire of nucleic acid sequences cloned from a non-immunised source, each nucleic acid sequence encoding at least part of a variable domain of a heavy chain derived from an immunoglobulin naturally devoid of light chains and its use in producing antibodies, particularly fragments thereof, is disclosed. The invention provides a method for preparing antibodies, or fragments thereof, having a specificity for a target antigen which avoids the need for the donor previously to have been immunised with the target antigen.